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## Canal Zone Cover on e-Bay

From material submitted by Rudy Roy (#1124)

There was a Canal Zone cover in a recent eBay auction. The price suggests that either the bar on the value of Canal Zone perfins on cover has been raised, or bidding drove the price beyond the cover's value.

Item# 1325903567 "1939 Canal Cover with Perfin Stamps" was described in the auction as "A commercial size cover sent by Airmail with a Pair of Canal Zone Scott #C10 that are perfined with the letter "P". The stamps are tied with a machine cancel from Balboa Heights, Canal Zone dated Feb 2, 1939. The cover has a corner card that reads, The Canal Zone, Official Business, Return after 10 days to, Executive Office, Balboa Heights, Canal Zone. It is added to General Purchasing Officer, The Panama Canal, Washington DC. There are no other postmarks on the cover. An item that is seldom offered for sale and a great addition to you CZ collection. Buyer to pay shipping and handling of \$1.50 in the US by uninsured first class mail in a special hard cardboard mailer. Shipping and handling outside the US will be \$3.50 by uninsured airmail. Insurance and registered mail are additional. Any material sent without insurance or registry are shipped at the buyers own risk of lost or damage. Payment is by check, money order, cash or travelers check in US Dollars and must be drawn on a US bank. Any check or money orders, etc

drawn on a bank outside MUST add a \$10.00 bank fee that is charge. Any returned checks will be charged an addition \$20.00 for the handling and banking fees. Shipment of your items will be made after you check clears at the bank that usually takes 7 days. Good luck in your bidding."



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Starting on Jan. 22, 2002 with an initial bid of \$49.99 this item was knocked down 1 week and 10 bids later for \$776.67. Both of the final bidders belong to the Canal Zone Study Group, and clearly know something this editor didn't about the value of this cover. Rudy in his correspondence noted that this is one of the highest prices he has seen paid for a perfins cover. In a second note he (also a member of the CZ Study Group) noted that "...the CZ Perf Ps on cover are scarce, but I don't know if they are as scarce as this price would indicate."

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